

MINUTES OF HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL, MAY 1, 2002 6:00 P.M.

GENERALIZED SUMMARY

VERBATIM DISCUSSION ON TAPE ON FILE IN AUDITOR'S OFFICE

The Hamilton County Council met in Executive Session on May 1, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1A of the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center to discuss Implementation of Security Systems IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(2)(C) and Personnel IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(8). Executive session was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

President Levine called the regular meeting of the Hamilton County Council to order at 7:26 p.m., Auditor Robin Mills called the role: Brad Beaver, Christine Altman, Judy Levine, Rick McKinney, and Meredith Carter. Councilors Jim Belden and John Hiatt were not in attendance. Auditor Mills declared a quorum.

Councilor Altman led the pledge of allegiance and gave the invocation.

Councilor Altman moved to approve minutes of April 10, 2002. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried (5-0).

Councilor Altman moved to approve minutes of the May 1, 2002 Executive Session. Councilor McKinney seconded motion. Motion carried (5-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Dick Frost did not have business relating to meeting agenda therefore President Levine did not acknowledge Mr. Frost. Councilor Altman stated "This is a public meeting not a public hearing and members of the public are only invited to speak at our discretion". Mr. Frost acknowledged Councilor Altmans statement stating "That is correct".

COMMITTEE / OFFICER REPORTS

President

- Commissioner Clark and Councilor Levine went to Ft. Wayne to tour their animal control facility and will continue to research the matter and report findings sometime in the next thirty days.

Vice President

- SA 518 states the county council has an opportunity to appoint one of their council members to the Mental Health Center Board effective July 1, 2002. Councilor Carter requested that Mr. John Culp verify the interpretation of SA 518. Councilor Carter also expressed his desire to be the first Hamilton County Councilor to serve on the Mental Health Center Board.

Highway

Councilor Beaver reported:

- Committee met with the Highway Department reviewed bond summary.
- Additional appropriation request same as last months request.

Finance

Councilor Levine stated committee did not meet.

- Councilor Altman reported she has looked over the retainer agreement for our Washington Representative at Baker, Donelson, Bearman & Caldwell. Hamilton County is under retainer with them with a few revisions to the contract. We have received a letter of support from Senator Lugar and Representative Burton on the two projects we are putting forth. Councilor Altman has talked with Carmel Mayor Brainard and expects City of Carmel to join Hamilton County in joint projects.

GIS

Larry Stout reported on the following:

- We have received 100% of the base map update from Woolpert and have finished quality control on 75% of it.
- The web voter application was activated on Friday, April 12th for the primary election with the voter registration database, polling place maps, and sample ballots. Because of the new Visual Voter software, we can update the voter registration database on the web server in about fifteen minutes. Last election it was a much more difficult process.

Personnel

- Committee met April 15, 2002
- County Clerk, Tammy Baitz is requesting reclassification of part time position to full time position.
- Washington Township Assessor is requesting reclassification of position from COMOT F to COMOT C.
- Auditor Robin Mills requested permission to fill vacant position at current pay rate based on new employees qualifications.
- Sheriff is requesting additional appropriation of \$50,000 from Jail Detention Fund to pay overtime for deputies working inmates summer work program.
- Prosecutor Sonia Leerkamp requested permission to hire summer intern.
- John South with Soil & Water requested reclassification of part time position to full time position, this request was given an unfavorable recommendation by the committee.

Councilor Altman stated that the number of new employees recommended by Mike Reuter has been substantially exceeded and suggested this be discussed.

Fiscal Grant Analyst

- Animal control questionnaire has been sent to Hendricks, Monroe and Tippecanoe Counties. A summary report will be prepared once he has received replies.
- Association of Indiana Counties is hosting Midwest Conference of Counties on June 25th through June 27th. Information and registration forms are available from Mr. Vaughn.
- Buildings & Grounds staff has reset all cubicles in the Councilor Chambers. Expect to have office back together by end of week and then will begin moving all boxes back.

Miscellaneous

Unfinished / Tabled Business

Councilor Altman moved to untable Joint Retreat Minutes of March 1, 2002. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion to untable carried (5-0).

Councilor Altman moved to approve minutes of Joint Retreat Minutes of March 1, 2002. Councilor McKinney seconded motion. Motion carried (5-0).

Councilor Beaver moved to untable Additional appropriation request and 144 Amendment for Jail. Councilor Altman seconded motion. Motion carried (5-0).

Councilor Beaver moved to fund one new corrections officer position with the recommendation that this position be assigned full time to the Historic Courthouse. Councilor Altman seconded motion. Motion carried (5-0).

Councilor Altman stated Auditor Mills pointed out the current security contract will be unfunded as of June 1, 2002. The next council meeting is June 5, 2002. We've not advertised for an additional to fund another three months until we have a comprehensive security plan for both facilities and the tunnel. Councilor Altman moved to adopt a resolution to fund an additional three months of Initial Security's contract post June 1, 2002 to allow the security committee time to come up with a comprehensive plan with cost. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried (4-1) with Councilor McKinney opposing.

New Business

ADDITIONAL, TRANSFERS AND AMEND FORM 144

Councilor Altman moved to approve additional request of \$20,000 in Auditor line item 101.003.000.4007 Copiers. Councilor McKinney seconded motion. Motion carried (5-0).

Councilor Carter moved to approve Voter Registration 144 amendment for the Deputy Registrar position 101.051.000.1002. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried (5-0).

144 Amendment for Council line item 101.015.000.1001 Fiscal/Grant Analyst withdrawn from agenda.

Councilor McKinney moved to approve additional request of \$50,000 in Sheriff's line item 101.027.000.1407 Overtime. Councilor Altman seconded motion. Motion carried (5-0).

Councilor McKinney moved to approve additional request of \$50,000 in Jail Detention line item 358.000.000.3713 Contractual Services. Councilor Carter seconded motion. Motion carried (5-0).

Councilor Altman moved to approve Soil & Water Conservation. Motion failed for lack of second.

Councilor Carter moved to approve Recorders \$6,651 transfer of funds from 101.035.000.1004 Deputy to 101.035.000.1407 Overtime \$3,325 and 101.035.000.1300 Part Time \$3,326. Councilor Levine seconded motion . Motion carried (5-0).

Councilor Levine moved to approve additional request of \$60,000 in Reassessment Fund line item 109.000.000.3822 Other Contractual line item. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried (5-0).

Councilor Carter moved to approve Reassessment Washington Township 144 amendment for the Data Entry Coordinator / Real Estate Asst.. position 101.060.000.1003 at COMOT C \$27,540. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried (5-0).

Councilor Carter moved to approve Reassessment Washington Township \$6,000 transfer from 109.060.000.1002 Field Appraiser to 109.060.000.1407 Overtime. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried (5-0).

Councilor Altman moved to approve the additional request of \$964,000 in Highway Coit in the following line items:

283.000.000.3212
Intersection
96th/Ditch
\$209,000

283.000.000.3214
Intersection
116th/Ditch
\$270,000

283.000.000.3225
Intersection
106th/ Springmill
\$485,000

Councilor Altman also moved to change the current COIT Distribution to properly fund this additional which would be to divert upcoming COIT checks to the amount appropriated to Highway COIT Fund. Councilor McKinney seconded motion. Motion carried (4-1) with Councilor McKinney against.

Councilor Altman moved to approve additional request of \$27,000 Deferral Fund line items 378.000.000.1300 Part Time \$7,000 and 378.000.000.1313 Witness Fees \$20,000. Councilor McKinney seconded motion. Motion carried (5-0).

Councilor Carter moved to approve Deferral Fund 144 amendment for a Part Time Intern position 378.000.000.1300. Councilor Altman seconded motion. Motion carried (5-0).

Councilors moved to approve 2003 Budget Instructions as amended (5-0).

ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS

Mr. Culp presented "Amendment to Agreement for Providing Paramedic Services and Emergency Medical Technician Services to the Citizens of Hamilton County, Indiana".

Councilor Altman moved to approve Amendment. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Councilor Altman asked that the Amendment be adopted with the provision that Mr. Tom Firks, Riverview EMS provide a detailed report showing the fiscal impact of this amendment which could result in another amendment after review. Motion carried (5-0).

Mr. Culp presented Resolution 05-01-02.1 "A Resolution Of The Hamilton County Council Concerning Reimbursement of Paramedic Training Expenses". Councilor Altman moved to approve Resolution 05-01-02.1. Councilor McKinney seconded motion. Motion carried (5-0).

Mr. Culp stated if he understood correctly in response to Councilor Altman's statement "This is a public meeting not a public hearing and members of the public are only invited to speak at our discretion", Mr. Culp believed that Mr. Frost concurred with her statement and if he did Mr. Culp would like the minutes to reflect that Mr. Frost did concur. Councilor Levine clarified that anyone is welcome to voice their opinion under "Public Comments" regarding any item on the agenda. Councilor Altman stated as a matter of good public policy the Council placed the "Public Comments" at the beginning of their agenda so the council could consider what any citizen of Hamilton County has to say on agenda items before votes are taken.

AUDITOR'S COMMENTS

- GIS Technician position in Tax Mapping has been filled at entry level.
- Publicly thanked Julie Crask and James Tex for their hard work, assistance and countless hours spent in getting tax bills out and for all they do for the Auditor's Office. Their help is greatly appreciated.

Councilor Beaver asked for clarification regarding the Web Policy Committees function specifically if the Council wants a centralized committee making decisions regarding the county web site. Councilor Beaver explained that the Web Policy Committee has developed a Draft Web Policy which will go to the ISS Board for review and approval. The Councilors stated final approval and enforcement of the Web Policy should be made by the Board of Commissioners.

Councilor Levine announced the Convention & Visitors Bureau has selected a firm to conduct a feasibility study at the Fair Grounds. Councilor Altman stated the request for an additional \$60,000 will be probably be on the agenda in June.

Councilor Beaver motioned to adjourn. Councilor Altman seconded motion. Motion carried (5-0). Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Those present:

Dick Frost, Resident

BJ Casali, ISS

Larry Stout, ISS

Tammy Baitz, Clerk

Debbie Folkerts, Assessor

Susan Miller, Ham Co Business
Views

Sheena Randall, Human
Resources

Kate Lewis, Ledger

Sonia Leerkamp

Kent Rollison, HCLA

Brooke Graham, Government Class

Mary Clark, Recorder

Larry Pearson, Resident

President

Auditor